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The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR SHANMUKHAM CHETTY, K. C. I. E.) in the Chair.

Messrs. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, L. M. Pylee and H. J. Walmesley were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

GOATS DISTRIBUTED AMONG DEPRESSED CLASSES—PARTICULARS REGARDING

76. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have distributed goats to members of the depressed classes;

(*b*) if so, the number of goats so supplied and the conditions under which they were supplied to them;

(*c*) the value of goats so supplied;

(*d*) of these, how many are still alive; the number increased, if any?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to sub-division (*a*).

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know whether goats have been given to the members of the depressed classes colonies?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

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Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Then, what is meant by this answer?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* What happened was, some goats were distributed; but we found that they were all eaten up and so we stopped this practice.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* This question is intended only to bring out that fact to the notice of this House.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development).* I never wanted to hide this fact here.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Were these goats eaten up by human beings or other animals?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* By human beings.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* It is seen from the report printed and publised that, in the year 1114, cattle and goats were purchased for an amount of Rs. 466. May I know whether any goat or cattle is now surviving?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Apart from those distributed to the depressed classes colonies, all the others are surviving.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* From Rs. 2,500 set apart under the rural development grant, a certain amount has been spent for goats and cattle. Are any of these cattle living at present?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The cattle are surviving, but so far as the goats are concerned, I am not sure, whether they are living.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Does it not mean that they had nothing else to eat?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That may be so.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is it a fact that the goats purchased were fit only for butchering?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I do not understand how you drew that inference. They are fit for so many things including eating.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know whether the Government intend supplying more?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* No.

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